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Prof says she was assaulted by officer

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UA police are investigating allegations that a police officer threw an associate professor of French to the ground, bruising her and breaking her eyeglasses, while trying to arrest her late last month.

Associate professor Irene d’Almeida said her clothing was also torn, and that she was cursed at by an officer who came to arrest her in the Oct. 30 incident.

Police visited d’Almeida in her office days after the victim of a hit-and-run accident identified what police believed to be d’Almeida’s car as the one that struck him with a side mirror as he was crossing the street.

The officer’s superior was called after the attempted arrest and d’Almeida was released.

Police are internally investigating accusations of police brutality made in a letter sent from one of d’Almeida’s colleagues at Stanford University to President Pete Likins, as well as University of Arizona Police Department Chief Tony Daykin and the *Daily Wildcat*.

“As a result of the officer’s follow-up (to the hit-and-run accident) we have some concerns,” UAPD Cmdr. Brian Seastone said.

Police are hoping to complete the investigation in the next two weeks, Seastone said.

D’Almeida had not responded to officers’ repeated attempts to contact her regarding the hit-and-run, which occurred Oct. 22, police reports state.

UAPD has not released any reports regarding the attempted arrest, nor the name of the officer who attempted to arrest d’Almeida, saying the matter is still under investigation.

UAPD Sgt. Rolf Averill, a detective on the case, said he could not comment further on the incident regarding the attempted arrest in the Modern Languages building, as the case is still under investigation.

The only report that has been released is the hit-and-run record citing d’Almeida’s license plate.

The letter describing d’Almeida’s attempted arrest was written by professor Elisabeth Mudimbe-Boyi of Stanford. Mudimbe-Boyi is the president of the African Literature Association, a non-profit society of scholars dedicated to the advancement of African Literary Studies. D’Almeida is an ALA member and former president.

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SUSIE LEMONT/*Arizona Daily Wildcat*
President Pete Likins discusses tuition plans yesterday afternoon at the Arizona Cancer Center.

UA may lose another \$18M

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When the Arizona Legislature gathers for a special session on Monday to try to close the state’s \$500 million deficit, it will likely mean another hefty chunk of funding cut from the university system, UA administra-

tors said yesterday.

Between expected cuts to the UA and the Health Sciences Center, nearly \$18 million may be removed from this year’s operating budget, documents from the Joint Legislative Budget Committee show.

Gov. Jane Hull called for the special session to elimi-

nate the remaining deficit for this fiscal year. Arizona’s main revenue source — sales tax — has fallen far short of projections for past two years, according to documents from the state.

The proposed cuts amount to about 5.4 percent of the state’s funding this year, which means that 241

full-time positions at the UA could be eliminated — about 5 percent of the workforce on campus, according to JLBC documents.

“What they’re saying is you need to give us \$18 million back and we expect you to reduce the (UA’s) employ-

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SUSIE LEMONT/*Arizona Daily Wildcat*
Associate mathematics professor Bruce Bayly lies on a bed of nails last night at Physics Phun Nite. Physics professors, undergraduate and graduate students all performed physics experiments. The event will be repeated tonight at 7 in the Physical and Atmospheric Sciences building.

Phun fest for future physicists

First night of Physics Phun draws 250 to observe ‘fun’ side physical equations

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A professor lay on a bed of nails and an undergraduate shot a suspended teddy bear with a potato cannon as

part of an event last night meant to show young students the fun side of physics.

About 250 people, mostly 7- to 16-year olds and their parents, watched as a host of professors, undergraduates and graduate students brought the equations of physics to life with exciting demonstrations during the first night of the annual Physics Phun Nite.

“We do the event to get the kids

interested in physics. If there’s one adjective associated with physics, it’s hard. We want to show kids that it may be hard, but it’s also a lot of fun,” said Roy Emrick, professor emeritus of physics and the emcee of the event.

The event, which started over 20 years ago, included all branches of physics, including optics, magnetism and rocketry. Some skits even integrat-

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Regents support substantial tuition hike

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Regents agreed that it is time for a “substantial” increase in tuition and financial aid during their meeting yesterday at the Arizona Cancer Center, meaning that tuition could rise as much as \$1,000 next year.

Regents pledged to focus on raising financial aid rather than keeping with their precedent of voting for low tuition and only minimal increases.

The regents should move toward setting aside at least 14 percent of any tuition increase for financial aid, a significant departure from the current policy that calls for setting aside 8 percent, said Regents President Jack Jewett.

If the regents are going to focus on setting aside 14 percent of tuition for financial aid, then they also ought to look toward a \$1,000 tuition increase, said Regent Fred Boice.

The majority of the Regents, including those who voted against a substantial tuition increase last year, now support a significant increase.

Regent Chris Herstam said that he voted to keep tuition low last year because financial aid was so low.

Arizona is one of few states that doesn’t offer state-based financial aid.

“If financial aid can be dramatically raised to 14 percent, then I could support raising

tuition that could get us to ... a \$1,000 increase,” Herstam said.

Regent Don Ulrich said that he voted for a small increase of 4 percent last year in order to force regents to change how tuition is set every year.

“Now it’s time for a substantial tuition increase,” he said.

As a part of yesterday’s discussion on tuition, President Pete Likins, ASU President

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